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# California On-Scene Emergency Coordination Radio Plan (CALCORD)

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# CALIFORNIA ON-SCENE EMERGENCY COORDINATION RADIO PLAN (CALCORD)

## DESCRIPTION

The California On-Scene Emergency Coordination System is established to provide common radio frequencies to be used statewide by state and local Public Safety and Special Emergency agencies during periods of man-made or natural disasters or other emergencies where interagency coordination is required.

CALCORD operates under appropriate Federal Communications Commission Rules and Regulations and is administered by the State of California through the Office of Emergency Services. The California Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee (CALSIEC) exercises general supervision and disciplinary control.

## ELIGIBILITY

Participation in CALCORD is open to all California Local Government Agencies which are eligible to operate on radio frequencies authorized by the Federal Communications Commission for the Public Safety Radio Services. In addition, the CALCORD channel may be placed in private ambulances operating under the authority of a city or county participating in CALCORD, and having an ordinance or code which provides for control over the ambulance(s) in which the channel is installed.

## APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Requests to participate in CALCORD will be addressed to the Governor's Office of Emergency Services, Telecommunications Branch, 3650 Schriever Ave., Mather CA 95655. The requesting agency will forward all applicable forms and agreements including a copy of their local CALCORD Plan. Once approved, FCC licenses will be acquired by and in the name of the State of California under the provisions of the CALCORD authority from the FCC.

## CALCORD UTILIZATION

CALCORD will be used in mobile and portable units at the scene of any emergency incident requiring coordinate action by more than one agency. These agencies must be eligible to operate in the Public Safety or Special Emergency Radio Services. It is intended that this system be used to facilitate communications when the Incident Command System is used. Use of this system will be limited to emergency operations only, with the exception of tests and drills.

Three priority use levels have been established:

**PRIORITY 1**

Disaster and extreme emergency operations, for mutual aid and interagency communications.

**PRIORITY 2**

Emergency or urgent operations involving imminent safety of life or property.

**PRIORITY 3**

Drills, tests and exercises of a civil defense or disaster nature.

When a higher priority or use is required, all lower priority use must cease in any area where interference could occur. In all instances, all usage must be in strict accordance with the FCC Rules and Regulations and with any other policies prescribed by the State Office of Emergency Services.

**TECHNICAL AND OPERATIONAL STANDARDS**

**FREQUENCY:** 156.075 MHz (CALCORD 1)

**POWER:** 110 watts maximum out - mobile (except aircraft) and portable use

**EQUIPMENT:** Two types of equipment may be used on the system

Mobile - Installed semi-permanently in a vehicle, boat, aircraft, or other device commonly used for transportation of a human being.

Portable - A hand-carried unit, also known as a walkie-talkie or handie-talkie.

**CALLSIGN:** Common statewide identification - KB82490

**BASE STATIONS WILL NOT BE AUTHORIZED**

**CTCSS:** None authorized

**VOICE PRIVACY:** Not authorized

**SIGNALING OR PAGING:** Not authorized

### USER RESPONSIBILITIES

CALCORD users shall:

1. Operate within the limitations of this plan.
2. Notify the OES Telecommunications Division of any changes to their approved application.
3. Insure that all mobile and portable units in which CALCORD is installed are properly licensed by the State of California, and under the control of the Local Government Agency which is signatory to the agreement.

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TO: Chief, Telecommunications Division  
Governor's Office of Emergency Services  
3650 Schriever Avenue  
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The \_\_\_\_\_ hereby  
(Jurisdiction/Agency)  
applies to participate in the California On-Scene Emergency Coordination Net  
(CALCORD) using the total number of radio units indicated below:

Mobile(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Portable(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Aircraft Authorization - LIMITED TO 10 WATTS OUTPUT

Fixed Wing \_\_\_\_\_

Helicopter \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Person Submitting Application  
(Type or Print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Telephone)

STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
CALIFORNIA ON-SCENE EMERGENCY COORDINATION RADIO PLAN  
(CALCORD)

This Agreement, entered into this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, at Sacramento, California, between the State of California, hereinafter called State, and \_\_\_\_\_ hereinafter called Jurisdiction;

W I T N E S S E T H :

1. Jurisdiction agrees to acquire at its own expense radio communications equipment meeting specifications established by State to operate on frequency 156.075 MHz, and to operate and maintain such equipment as provided in the CALCORD Plan and in Paragraphs 2 and 3 following.
2. The equipment referred to in Paragraph 1 shall be and remain the property of Jurisdiction, but State shall be the licensee thereof, pursuant to the Federal Communications commission. All applicants to the Federal Communications Commission for construction permits and licenses or for authority to add to or modify station licenses shall be made by and in the name of State.
3. State hereby authorizes Jurisdiction to operate said equipment by its officer in charge of emergency response matters or such regularly employed and salaried assistants as such officer may designate.
4. Jurisdiction agrees to operate and maintain said equipment in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of the Federal Communications Commission and operating procedures established by State, including performance, without cost to state of an annual frequency-deviation check. In the event of any violation by Jurisdiction of such Rules and Regulations, or of any other law respecting the operation of said equipment, State may terminate this Agreement at any time.
5. Pursuant to Section 895.4 of the Government Code, and in recognition of the fact that Jurisdiction is to have the actual operation control of said equipment, Jurisdiction agrees to indemnify State and its officers and employees against any and all liability arising out of the performance of this Agreement which may be imposed on State by any law, including Section 895.2 of the Government code.

6. The term of this Agreement commences \_\_\_\_\_ 19\_\_\_\_\_  
and shall be concurrent with that of the Federal Communications Commission  
license to be issued to State in respect to said equipment, subject to termination  
by either party hereto upon seven (7) days written notice to the other.

7. All notices herein provided to be given or which may be given by either  
party to the other shall be deemed to have been fully given when made in writing  
and deposited in the United States Mail, registered and postage prepaid and  
addressed as follows: Governor's Office of Emergency Services, 3650 Schriever  
Ave., Mather, CA 95655; and to Jurisdiction at \_\_\_\_\_.  
\_\_\_\_\_. The address to which notices shall or may  
be mailed as aforesaid to either party shall or may be changed by written notice  
given by such party to the other, as hereinabove provided; but nothing herein  
contained shall preclude the giving of any such notice by personal services.

8. It is mutually agreed and understood that no alteration or variation of the  
terms of this Agreement shall be valid unless made in writing and signed by the  
parties hereto, and that no oral understanding or agreements not incorporated  
herein shall be binding on any of the parties hereto.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF THIS AGREEMENT HAS BEEN EXECUTED BY  
AND ON BEHALF OF THE PARTIES HERETO, THE DAY AND YEAR  
FIRST ABOVE WRITTEN.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Jurisdiction

STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES

\_\_\_\_\_  
By (Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Director State OES

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name (Type or Print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
By (Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name (Type or Print)

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